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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
 Parole Commission
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PAROLE COMMISSION ACTION

OFFENDER NAME BALSEWICZ, DOUGLAS	DOC # 221009	FACILITY NAME Fox Lake Correctional Institution [FLCI]	AGENT # 32107	TIS <u>No</u>	980 <u>No</u>
RECOMMENDED ACTION TAKEN Grant Parole	NEW PED	MR/ES 10/02/2050	RECOMMENDED ELIGIBILITY DATE 05/17/2022	DATE ACTION TAKEN 04/14/2022	HEARING TYPE Parole Review

If you are recommended for a parole grant/release, the time frame within which you shall be released, as established by the Chairperson of the Parole Commission, shall be reflected in the grant/order.

GENERAL REASONS FOR ACTION TAKEN

1. Parole Plan - approved
2. Your institutional conduct has been satisfactory.
3. Your program participation has been satisfactory.
4. Release at this time would not involve an unreasonable risk to the public.
5. You have served sufficient time for punishment.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

You were seen for parole consideration on case 97CF2534, Ct. 1 - 2nd Degree Intentional Homicide (40 years) and Ct. 2 - Burglary-Arm Self with Dangerous Weapon (40 years, CS). Your PED is 03/02/2022 and your MR is 10/02/2050. Your case carries PMR status and this has been explained to you. This is your 5th review with the Parole Commission and your last defer was 3 months.

According to the record, this offense occurred in June 1997 while you and your wife were separated and going through a divorce. You were reportedly under the influence of alcohol and cocaine. You drove to your wife's residence, where she and your 4 year old son and 2 year old daughter were asleep. You entered the home through a broken window, took possession of a knife, and stabbed your wife 42 times (20 times about the head and neck area). The following day, a neighbor saw your 4 year old son and 2 year old daughter wandering around outside unattended and questioned them. Your son replied that his mother had just been killed and that she was covered in blood. When you were placed under arrest, you told police that the demons told you to do it. You discussed having significant [REDACTED] at that time and used illegal drugs and alcohol to address symptoms rather than seek appropriate help. You take responsibility for your actions, but noted having a vague recollection of the details of what happened. You expressed remorse and stated you recognize the pain your actions have caused.

At the age of 54 you are serving your 1st incarceration and have served approximately 24 years and 10 months of the 80 year sentence structure. You have a limited prior record involving a property crime and placement on community supervision, which you successfully completed. You were initially classified at Maximum custody. You then progressed to Medium custody in March 2005 and then to Minimum custody in July 2020. You have 7 minor conduct reports and zero major conduct reports on your record. Your last minor conduct report was in November 2016.

It is noted that although you have Minimum custody, you are at a Medium facility to accommodate your [REDACTED]. You transferred to JBCC from RCI on 07/20/2021, but then immediately moved to DCI because your [REDACTED] could not be accommodated at JBCC. You were then placed at FLCI on 07/30/2021, along with being on the wait list for transfer to OCI. You discussed that your [REDACTED] requires [REDACTED] in a [REDACTED]. You discussed that with being transferred to different DAI facilities, the [REDACTED] change due to your location and involves different [REDACTED] becoming familiar with [REDACTED].

With regard to programming, you have no unmet program needs. You completed [REDACTED] (02/2001), [REDACTED] (01/2001), Domestic Violence Counseling (11/2000), Anger Management (02/2001), and [REDACTED] (12/2000). You discussed what you have learned through programming has been to cope with anger and frustration in a healthy manner. You discussed no

interest with involvement in illegal substances or alcohol. You stated that you are also cautious on [REDACTED] in relation to your history of substance abuse and have discussions with [REDACTED] on this issue. It is noted that you have had a [REDACTED] since 09/25/2008, but that previously you had a [REDACTED]. You discussed working with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in your incarceration, but have not [REDACTED] since 2000. You expressed that you have developed other means of positive coping that has expanded through your religious beliefs. It is noted that you have not been working since March 2017 as a result of [REDACTED].

Your release plan is to reside with your sister in Milwaukee, WI, with an alternate plan with friends in Mondovi, WI. At your last review with the Parole Commission, a PRI was requested. The plan with your sister was approved per the signed and dated PRI on 03/17/2022. You have approximately \$4,300.00 in your institution accounts and have outstanding financial obligations of \$37.38 for restitution on case 2-907027 and \$4.86 for a surcharge cost on case 97CF2534.

It was discussed with you that several family members of the victim have written in opposing your release. It is also noted that there are letters in your file of support you have from family and friends. All of this information was reviewed and taken into consideration.

Based upon the review of the parole criteria, an argument can be made that you have diminished your risk by having positive adjustment and completing all of your essential programs. Your risk is further diminished with having an approved residence and a positive support network. Having served a significant portion of your overall sentence, it is the opinion of the Commission that release at this time would not depreciate the severity of your offending behaviors and recommends your release on or after 05/10/2022.

This is only a Grant recommendation. This recommendation is subject to the review and approval of the Parole Commission Chairperson. As discussed at today's interview, any institution misconduct, major or minor could and probably would result in this grant recommendation not being approved by the Chairperson.

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The Chair's decision in this case is based upon a review of Department of Corrections (DOC) records, including your (Mr. Balsewicz) adjustment while incarcerated AND Parole Commissioner's findings and recommendation, which was based upon an extensive review of your conviction history and behavior while in DOC custody.

Mr. Balsewicz, the crimes of which you were convicted are serious offenses, resulting in a loss of life and trauma to your victim's loved ones, including your own children. The effects of this trauma remains with your victim's loved ones this day. It is this Chair's sincere hope and expectation for you that, as you return to the community, you live the remainder your life in honor of those whose lives you have impacted.

The Chair supports and adopts the Commissioner's assessment and subsequent recommendation for your case. To date you have served nearly 25 years in Department of Corrections' institutions. You have successfully completed all recommended programming and worked towards securing release, as evidenced by sustained positive conduct, successful reduction in custody, and developing an approved release plan. You have demonstrated sufficient efforts for rehabilitation and earned your return to the community.

The Chair hereby grants parole to Douglas Balsewicz, effective May 17, 2022.

Note: The grant order will still allow 30 days from issuance for release.

Date: 04/27/2022 --- Time: 01:28:29 PM --- User: J. Tate, Chairperson

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RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

MEMBER SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
J. Tate 0113038	<u>04/27/2022</u>
PAROLE COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON <i>The recommended Action is approved for the stated reasons.</i>	DATE APPROVED

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THERE IS NO ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF THIS DECISION

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